DANGEROUS GOODS PANEL (DGP) MEETING OF THE WORKING GROUP OF THE WHOLE

Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates, 7 to 11 November 2010

Agenda Item 2: Development of recommendations for amendments to the *Technical Instructions* for the Safe Transport of Dangerous Goods by Air (Doc 9284) for incorporation in the 2013/2014 Edition

2.5: Part 5 — Shipper's Responsibilities

DATE ON THE DANGEROUS GOODS TRANSPORT DOCUMENT — TRANSITIONAL ARRANGEMENTS

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SUMMARY

This working paper seeks comments from the working group regarding the date on the dangerous goods transport document where shippers are using packages prepared for transport using the provisions of the 2009-2010 Edition of the Technical Instructions

Action by the DGP-WG is in paragraph 2.

1. **INTRODUCTION**

- 1.1 The DGP agreed at DGP/21 that there would be a three-month transition for packages prepared for transport using the provisions of the 2009-2010 Edition of the Technical Instructions. This transition period was agreed to ease the transition to the new packing instructions, which become applicable with effect 1 January 2011.
- 1.2 In addition, during the last biennium the panel agreed to adopt new marking provisions for dangerous goods in limited quantity. At that time it was agreed that the three-month transition would also be applied to the limited quantity marking, including the marking of packages of ID 8000.
- 1.3 To provide for these transitional arrangements, notes to identify the transitional period have been added into Part 3;4.5.2, Packing Instruction Y963 and Part 5;4.1.5.7.1 a).
- 1.4 Shippers are now starting to look in detail at the regulations applicable from 2011 and as a result questions are being asked if the transitional provisions are being applied, e.g. limited quantity

packages will still bear the marking "LTD QTY", what date may appear on the dangerous goods transport document, i.e. must the date required by Part 5;4.1.6.1 be a date no later than 31 December 2010, or can the dangerous goods transport document be the date the document is prepared in 2011?

2. **ACTION BY THE DGP-WG**

2.1 The DGP-WG is invited to provide comments as to whether the shipper may date the document in 2011, or if a date in 2010 must be used.

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